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INDO-BHUTAN AGREEMENT ON POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhutan is carrying out Pune-Tsang-Chu Hydel Power Project in collaboration with India;

(b) if so, the amount being spent by the Indian Government on the project and benefit accruing to India;

(c) the total MW power targeted to be generated and the total estimated Cost of the project;

(d) whether any time frame has been set for the completion of the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. An Agreement has been signed on 28.07.2007 between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan on the implementation of Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project (1095 MW) in Bhutan.

(b) & (c) : The estimated cost of the project as per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is Rs.3,514.81 crores at December, 2006 price level, excluding taxes and duties. The project is proposed to be funded by the Govenrment of India. The surplus power from the project will be exported to India thus augmenting power availability in the country. The Installed Capacity of the Project is expected to be 1095 MW with six units of 182.5 MW each.

(d) & (e) : The Project is expected to be commissioned in 7 years from the date of commencement of construction.